

John F. Kennedy: A Beloved Leader

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One day in a house in Brookline, Massachusetts a young boy named John F. Kennedy was born. He was the second son. Little did his family know he would one day become President. John, also known as Jack, grew up with a family of eleven people including him. Their names were Teddy, Rosemary, Joe Jr., Kathleen, Patricia, Jean, Eunice, John, Bobby, Joseph Kennedy and Rose Kennedy. When Jack was young he did very badly in school. His grades were very bad and he did not follow the rules. Some other guys were just like that too. So Jack and his friends formed a group called the muckers. By the end of the year there were twelve members. In his childhood Jack had to have twenty eight stitches once because he had a bloody bike crash with his brother Joe. But most of the time Jack was sick so he could not play.

As Jack grew up he went to high school, played football and competed on the swimming team. He was also very handsome. When Jack was a little bit older, he decided to go to college. He went to Harvard University. Finally he graduated with honors from Harvard University.

Then, when Jack had graduated from college he joined the U. S. Navy. He and his crew’s job was to destroy enemy ships. His ship was PT- 109. But one night they got hit by an enemy destroyer and their ship exploded. Two of Jack’s men were killed in the crash. Everybody else had to swim to an island nearby including Jack. But one of the men was badly burned, so Jack towed him to shore. The next few days Jack swam from island to island looking for rescue. Finally he found some men and he asked them to carry a message for him and they did. A few days later his crew was rescued. He won the Navy and Marine Corps medal for his bravery. He also was awarded the Purple Heart. Kennedy was a true hero.

After the crash Jack’s back was worse than ever and he was also skinnier than ever. His back was so bad that he needed a cane to walk. So the Navy sent him home. Then in 1944 Jack had surgery on his back. He went to his home to rest. One day the Kennedy’s received terrible news. Jack’s brother Joe had been killed at war. Joe was supposed to grow up to be President but now that was going to change. Jack’s dad began to focus on him instead. Jack began to think about a life in politics. Soon Jack got married to a woman named Jackie. She was beautiful, smart, had gone to school in Paris and spoke four languages.

After he got married, he and Jackie had children. Four children were born but only two survived infancy. Those two were Caroline and John Junior. John F. Kennedy and Jackie had a family.

Pretty soon John ran for president. He gave speeches to crowds and that helped him get elected. Then his family moved to the White House. They brought some pets with them. Those pets were a horse a dog and a cat. That was 1960.

Then one day John and Jackie went to Dallas, Texas to tell people why they should elect John again. When they were riding in a limousine a loud crack rang out. It was a gunshot and it had hit John F. Kennedy!!!!!!!!! The car rushed to the hospital but it was too late. JFK was dead. The world mourned over his death. Even though John had been president 1,036 days he had made the country a safer place to live. John F. Kennedy’s life will always be remembered.

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